

Year 1 – Hargreaves and Butterworth Homework

Dear Parents,

Welcome to year 1. We hope your child has settled in well and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

In order to support your child's learning at school we set homework activities to be completed at home. We have thought carefully about these tasks and we hope that they are both manageable and fun.

Reading

Please read with your child **daily** and record this in your child's reading record.

We will also add **Bug club** books to their account. These will be a mixture of their book band colour, phonics phase and topic books. They do not have to read every book. They are in "My Stuff" just as you would have a shelf of books to choose from at the library. The child should read the book and answer the questions and then the book will move out of my stuff, into their own library, should these wish to access it again at a later date.

Spellings

Each **Friday**, the children will be tested on all 26 words from the spelling mat. This is done by listening to a recoding and then writing the words in the correct boxes. It takes approximately 6 minutes. They should try to improve their own score each week, with the aim of getting all 26 words correct by the end of term. There will be a new mat each term.

Big Maths Beat That Learn-Its

Big Maths Beat That is a weekly timed test of your child's Learn Its. The aim is to improve their score by one each time. Stickers are awarded to children who 'Beat That'. You can help your child to improve their scores by asking them to give you instant responses to their Learn Its while at home, on the journey to school and throughout the day at the weekend. Little and very often is the key to success, so the information enters the long term memory.

9+9=	8+8=	2+8=
3+7=	6+2=	6+6=
5+2=	7+7=	7+2=
6+3=	4+3=	1+9=
9+2=	5+5=	4+2=
4+6=		5+3=

Your child will be tested every **Thursday**.

Phonics

At present we will send 4 phonics sheets home each **Monday**. These should be completed and returned the following Monday. After this they will get a weekly A5 sheet telling you which sounds they are learning and which words within that phase of phonics. They may also get a pack of flashcards to practise.

Each child also has a "Teach Your Monster to read" log in. Again this is optional, however the children do enjoy it.

Topic based homework

On occasion we will set topic based activities to complete at home. These tasks will usually be open-ended or creative tasks which the children enjoy sharing with the class.

Charanga

We will "share" the lessons taught in school. Your child may log in to the website and continue at home.

We hope you will encourage your child to complete the homework. It is important to help your child get into the routine of completing school work at home.

Many thanks for your support
Hargreaves teaching team